



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL PAUL J. MONTGOMERY

Colonel Paul J. Montgomery is the vice commander of the 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan. He assists the wing commander with the management, training, and command and control of the Department of Defense's only airlift wing in the Pacific theater. As the western Pacific airlift hub, Yokota Air Base provides mission ready forces and base operating support to guarantee U.S. forward presence and crisis response.

He was commissioned from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1981 and attended navigator training at Mather Air Force Base, Calif. His first operational assignment was to Yokota Air Base, Japan, as a C-130 navigator.

Colonel Montgomery was the lead planner and flight lead navigator for the C-130 formation that airdropped the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment into Rio Hato Air Base, Panama, during Operation Just Cause in 1989. He flew combat and combat support missions during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1990-91. He led several deployments in support of Operations Southern Watch as well as Allied Force and Allied Forge.



#### EDUCATION

1981 Bachelor of Science degree, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
1986 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
1993 Master's degree in public administration, Troy State University, Fla.  
1997 Master's degree in military arts and sciences, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Kan.  
2002 Master's degree in resources and requirements, National Defense University, Washington D.C.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1981 – June 1982, student, undergraduate navigator training, Mather Air Force Base, Calif. and C-130 transition training, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.
2. June 1982 – October 1985, C-130 navigator, 345th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan
3. November 1985 – May 1991, C-130 instructor and evaluator navigator, 39th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.
4. June 1991 – June 1995, action officer, Headquarters Air Force, Washington, D.C.
5. July 1995 – June 1997, student, Command and General Staff College and School for Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
6. July 1997 – June 2001, operations officer and squadron commander, 2nd Airlift Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.
7. July 2001 – June 2002, student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.
8. July 2001 – January 2003, deputy commander, 612th Air Operations Group, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.
9. January 2003 – March 2004, commander, 612th Combat Plans Squadron, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.
10. March 2004 – January 2006, commander, 317th Airlift Group, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas
11. January 2006 – present, vice commander, 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Master navigator

Flight Hours: More than 3,100

Aircraft: C-130E, C-130H, HC-130E and T-43A

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant, May 27, 1981

First Lieutenant, May 27, 1983

Captain, May 27, 1985

Major, October 1, 1993

Lieutenant Colonel, April 1, 1998

Colonel, December 1, 2003

(Current as of April 2006)